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MANILA FOR AMBASSADOR BYROADE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PK, US

SUBJECT: EMBASSY ACTIONS FOLLOWING BHUTTO SPEECH

1. WE ARE TAKING THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS IN THE WAKE OF
PM BHUTTO'S ATTACK ON THE US ROLE IN PAKISTAN:

2. CHARGE HAS CALLED MFA TO INSIST ON EXTRA PROTECTION FOR
USG INSTALLATIONS THROUGHOUT PAKISTAN. MINISTRY (ADDITIONAL
FOREIGN SECRETARY SHAHNAWAZ) HAS AGREED THAT THIS WILL BE
PROVIDED. (IMPOSITION OF MARTIAL LAW IN LAHORE AND KARACHI,
BANNING OF DEMONSTRATIONS THERE AND IN PINDI AND ISLAMABAD,
AND ISOLATED CHARACTER OF ISLAMABAD ITSELF LIMIT POSSIBILITIES
FOR DISTURBANCES DIRECTED AGAINST US. WHILE WE CANNOT RULE
OUT SOME INSPIRED ATTACKS ON US INSTALLATIONS, WE DO NOT
BELIEVE THAT THIS POSSIBILITY WARRANTS CLOSING ANY OF THEM
AT THIS TIME.)

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3. WE ARE INFORMING PRESSMEN WHO QUERY US THAT WE HAVE
NO COMMENT ON PM'S SPEECH ITSELF BUT WILL GO ON TO RESTATE
THE LINE ABOUT ALLEGATIONS OF US INTERFERENCE IN THE
PAKISTAN POLITICAL PROCESS WHICH WE UNDERSTAND WAS TAKEN
YESTERDAY BY DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN (SECSTATE 94253). REPORT
OF SPOKESMAN'S REMARKS WAS CARRIED HERE BY VOA THIS MORNING.

4. WE WILL WANT TO MAKE A DEMARCHE AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY LEVEL TOMORROW MORNING, FRIDAY APRIL 29. GIVEN THE TIME DIFFERENCES, THIS DEMARCHE SHOULD FOLLOW THE ONE WE ARE RECOMMENDING IN SEPTEL SHOULD BE MADE TO AMBASSADOR YAQUB IN WASHINGTON. WE WOULD APPRECIATE IMMEDIATE INSTRUCTIONS CONFIRMING THAT LINE WE ARE RECOMMENDING SHOULD BE TAKEN IN WASHINGTON IS ACCEPTABLE TO DEPARTMENT AND SHOULD BE USED BY CHARG WITH AZIZ AHMED HERE. WE ALSO WOULD APPRECIATE A NIACT IMMEDIATE REPORT OF THE CONVERSATION WITH YAQUB.

5. WE ARE ADVISING THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY THAT WHILE WE DO NOT BELIEVE THERE IS AN IMMINENT THREAT TO AMERICAN PERSONNEL OR INSTALLATIONS IN PKISTAN WE ARE URGING ALL AMERICANS TO REFRAIN FROM TRAVEL OUTSIDE THEIR CITIES OF ASSIGNMENT AND TO TAKE SOME MINIMAL PRECAUTIONS WITH REGARD TO SECURITY AT THEIR RESIDENCES. WE HAVE NOTED

THE ASSURANCE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS THAT AMERICAN LIVES AND PROPERTY WILL BE GIVEN FULL PROTECTION. WE HAVE INSTRUCTED THE SUBORDINATE POSTS TO PASS SIMILAR WORD TO THE AMERICAN COMMUNITIES IN KARACHI, LAHORE, AND PESHAWAR.

6. IN SEPTEL WE ARE RECOMMENDING THAT OFFICIAL AMERICANS BE INSTRUCTED NOT TO TRAVEL TO PAKISTAN AND THAT UNOFFICIAL AMERICANS WHO ENQUIRE BETOLD THAT TRAVEL HERE IS INADVISABLE AT THIS TIME.

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